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Remarks:

The amendments and remarks presented herein are believed to be fully responsive to the Final Office Action dated March 28, 2007 and to the supplemental Final Office Action dated April 24, 2007. The second or supplemental Final Office Action was requested by the undersigned to clarify the rejection of independent claim 21.

Claims 2-12, 17-19, 21-34 and 57-64 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 15, 16, 20 and 51-56 have been previously canceled without prejudice, and claim 21 has been amended as set forth above. The amendments are fully supported in the specification and drawings as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

ALLOWED CLAIMS

Claims 2-12, 17-19, 22-34 and 57-64 are allowed.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Itoh et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,763,927 ("Itoh").

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections under §102(e). However, in order to expedite prosecution and allowance of the claims, and without acquiescing in the rejection in any way, Applicants have amended rejected claim 21 to be dependent on allowed independent claim 19, such that claim 21 is in condition for allowance. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of claim 21 as it was in independent form in a continuation application in the future.

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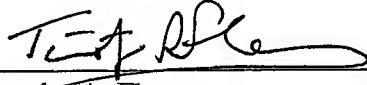
Claims 2-12, 17-19, 21-34 and 57-64 are pending in the application. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-12, 17-19, 21-34 and 57-64 are all in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly and respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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